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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the Final Official Action dated January 29, 2009. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (US 2003/0042098) in view of Wörner et al. (US Patent 5,533,602). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claims 3-6, 8 and 10-13 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.


In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 3. No new matter has been added. Claims 3 and 10 have been canceled. Claims 5 and 12 have been amended to depend upon claim 1 instead of canceled claim 3. No new matter has been added. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim 1 and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-14 define the invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly

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solicited. Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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